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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/491,703 ) Art Unit: 2164  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR FACILITATING USER )  
SELECTION OF AN ITEM )  
CATEGORY IN AN ONLINE )  
AUCTION )

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ONLINE AUCTION

(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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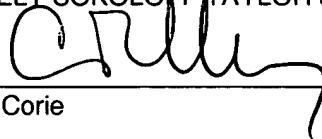
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